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who else could keep the body in hand with only nine fingers. (Laughter) There's a story, he never would tell me what happened there. I think it's a story maybe he'd like to relate sometime like Senator Vrtiska related why he never went to college. But in his 12 years, he has worked consistently to protect the integrity of this institution and improving the public perception of the Legislature, and I feel he has certainly accomplished that. I think we're much better thought of now than we were 12 years ago when Curt came in. And I respect Curt for all of his public service, but more so for his priorities in life--his family, his faith, and his fellowman, and his respect for life in adopting children, taking unwed mothers into their home, and hosting foreign exchange students. He personifies what is said in this little prayer: Whatever good that I can do, let me do it now for I shall not pass this way again. Curt, you have left your mark and you will be missed, and I am very proud to call you my mentor and my friend. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Speaker Bromm, come forward, please. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Engel. That was...that was very generous, very, very nice comments. I wasn't sure what to expect, but you far exceeded anything I expected. I haven't felt that I was ready, quite, for this, but these days come and we will be ready, we are ready. I would like to say that I need to thank lots of people and I'm afraid I'll leave some people out, but first of all I have to thank my partner and my chauffeur, my cook, the person who has looked after everything in our family for a long time, who suggested that we name all five kids with a J. That's about the only say-so she's had in this whole situation, I'm afraid. But I want to thank my wife, Vicki, back here, who I met some 35, 37 years ago. Thank you, Vicki. (Applause) She's given me five great kids, some of whom are here, and some were in junior high when I started this, and some were in college, some in high school, and it probably wasn't a very opportune time for me to jump into this, but we did it anyway and it worked and I'm very grateful for their support, all the kids and their...now their spouses and now our grandchildren and so on. And they've been extremely supportive